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Mr III- 0 (10, 12, 14, 17-23)
- 239-33-1 2

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 11-47 1925-25

Part B for April 192

SUBJECT

Distribution of water and lighting charges between Govt and the City Municipal Council.

To the Chief Engr
Provincial Engr of the City Municipal Council
Comptroller & Govt
Chairman & Member of the Committee.
G.O No 6058-65 dt 10.4.22.

Passes order regarding the adjustment of charges for the supply of water to the Civil Lines and Cantonment

WD 1088—GPE—16,221—23-7-21

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(ML)

NOTES

File No. 1169

FULL HEADING

committee for the distribution of water and lighting charges between govt and the city ML committee

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

NOTES AND ORDERS

In connection with the appointment of the committee to go into the question of the distribution of charges for water-supply and lighting between govt and the city [illegible]

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it is not clear on what points the committee may require information or to what points the deliberations of the committee will extend. In order to facilitate the discussions, the Chief Engineer and the Chief Electrical Engineer may be requested to forward memorandums showing in detail the various points to be discussed along with the original papers and the standing orders if any in each case.

2) Submitted for orders.

DS 01
16/4/20

3) Submitted with a draft to the Chief Electrical Engineer personally instructed for the statement referred to in P.W Secy's note of 22-1 in the linked file Vide flag 'C'.

DS 6/20

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(4) The file is concerned mainly with the water supply position and the discussions on record here are about the water supply charge and the position of these apportionment. The Committee constituted under this Govt. G.O. 9-3-20 May it has to go into the question of the meeting charges also. There is no material on record on the file on which discussion can take place. Hence a draft letter to the Ch. Engineer is put up asking him to prepare a memo which would serve as a basis for discussion in the meeting.

on this point.

42
24.4.20

Second Member) HM 24/4

6742-155
24/4/20

(5) Draft approved.

(6) The Ch. Engineer may also be addressed on the same lines re Water Supply. Unless information on the points required is readily available I dare say he has forestalled me in the matter and was on the point of putting up a memo myself. Peel 26.4.20

(7) I concur HM 26/4

working sheet put up a note outlining the present position re water supply and also the draft to the Ch. Engr. HM 26.4

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11 To

The Chief Electrical Engineer
No R 12407 dated 26.4.1920
Requests him to forward a memorandum showing in detail the various points to be discussed in regard to the lighting of two cities, by the Committee appointed in G.O. dated 9th March 1920

(2) Draft to the Chief Engineer as directed in para 6 of Supra is submitted

7 months that we have in our district a note could be written on the subject

29/4/20 27/4/1920 Issued 27/4

12 To

The Chief Engineer in Mysore
No R 12456 dated 28.4.1920
Requests him to furnish a note the points to be discussed at the meeting of the Committee appointed in G.O. dated 9.3.1920

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D No 7689
22 4 20

C no 29

"Cheshma-i-Shahi",
Srinagar,
15th April 1920

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No R 11420-8 dated the 31st March 1920, stating that it has been decided to hold the meeting referred to therein, in May next at Mysore, I regret very much my inability to serve on the Committee

Yours Sincerely,
Mirza M. Ismail

DEWAN'S OFFICE
Read on APR 24. 1920
Reg. No. 7291

H V Ramaswamy, Esq.,
Bangalore

11) Submit to the Secretary
22 4 20

6728-11 22 4 20.

12) This may be submitted for the information of the Dewan

13) Submit to the Dewan for perusal.

14) Seen 26-4-20

Put up again on the 5th Proper for a date being next fixed 23 4 20 fixed for the meeting

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13

From the Chief Electrical Engineer
No 2589 of 28-4-20

With ref to sl 11 states that a meeting has to be held to settle what information is necessary

15/ Submit for orders the file has been ordered to be put up on the 5th inst for a date being fixed for the meeting The Chief Electrical Engineer that a meeting has to be held to settle what information is necessary

DJ 1/5/20

DJ 3/5/20

Secretary 3-5-20

If seems to me that the meeting to best proceed to take place at Secretariat about the close of the forenoon Sitting when all the officers concerned will be present there at the time. The Exact date can be fixed about the 31st inst The attendance of the Ch Engr may be invited from Cohin No R 12456 DJ 28 4 20

Secy 5 5 20

From page 12 of the notes

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4-5-1920

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17/ With ref to the last sentence in the 2nd Member's minute of 5-5-20 it is stated that our office letter no R 12458 of 20-4- is addressed to the Chief Engr and not to the Chief Elect Engr. The letter addressed to them is dated 26th April 20 and it is with ref to this that we suggest a meeting to settle what information is necessary.

18/ Submit for orders

DS 6/5/20

19/ The Ch Electrical Engineers reply does not show why it is that he cannot collect the information asked for. The letter addressed to him was clear enough. Apparently another ~~adjourned~~ meeting has to be held after the first meeting for dealing with the distribn of the electric supply charges.

For orders of the Ch Electrical Engr has to be again written to, meanwhile.

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Second Member) 9/5/20

6/5/20

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7-5-020

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20/ The Ch. E.E.'s letter is dated 28 4 20 & it is the date of our letter & then in the same matter. This we can't the letter's Covered one and then all that I meant in my Minute of 5 5 20 was that in Reply to this letter of 28 4 20 the other letter of the Ch E.E. regarding the rates & our letter & then of Estimate

Recd
8 5 20

21/ Draft in accordance with the oral instructions of the Revy Secy dated 11/5/20 (20) Put away one

11 5 20

13 To the Chief Electrical Engineer.
No 12912 of 12-5-20.
States that a meeting is hardly necessary for merely getting what information is need and requests him to expedite the furnishing of the memorandum already called for.

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14 From

The Chief Engineer memo no 12138 dated 15.5.1920 in reply/ref 12, forwards the information available and states that the various points in detail to be decided by have to be determined by the committee

(13) Submitted with reference to para 6 of supra

Sd/ 21/5/1920

Sd/ 21.5.20

2nd Member)

7161-108 21.5.20

(14) Sir.

(15) Has the Ch Engr replied yet? If not a reminder may issue to him

Rel 22.5.20 for Secy

26/5/20

(16) A draft reminder is put up

Sd/ 26/5/20

Issue Secy 26.5.20

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(27) A reminder to the Chief Electrical Engineer has issued.

(28) It is for Whether the Committee can meet ~~contemplated~~ in the Course of this month as contemplated

(29) If so, the date and hour of the meeting have to be fixed and the same intimated to the members Concerned

The time at disposal is short and the file is resubmitted for orders as regards the fixing of date etc

27/5/20 (2nd member)

30.5.20

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G.R.S. III—8]

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-5.6.20

In view of the circumstance that this week will be taken up by the sittings of the Peace Conference & that Sir Horace Plunkett leave here (for Ireland & Christmas) on or about the 6th Proxo I ask if I can be possible to arrange for a meeting here on this occasion of the Agricultural Credits Delegates & have them to Qrs at Bikaner & so it seems best to arrange for the meeting at that place the Secretary of Henry Prescott Lewis asked, & others there.

I shd suggest 3 p.m. Monday 28th June 1920 being fixed for the meeting

Reel
27 5 20

Note - File to be resubmitted about the 15th obtained the advice re-

NB—Short routine notes to be written on small slips. The notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form.

16 20.

SB
3.6.20

Sk 20 13

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15	From the Supy Engineer Survey circle Requests that the date and plans of the machinery may be estimated to him and also the nature of the information that is reqd for the settlement of the water question
3	The Supy Survey circle is not a member of the committee and he explains that the information he asks may be given so that a clear memo may be prepared for discussion
4	The chief Engineer has stated (Vide Sl 14) that the various points in detail to be discussed have to be decided by the committee Submit with a draft reply for approval. 21/6/20 (Reddy)
	21/6/20
11	May issue. 22 6 20 22/6

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To The Res Secy Nilgiri Camp

Upon the matter in connection has since been fixed at Kumbakonam & Srivanteshwaram by the Meeting hence proceed from 3 30 p.m on Monday 42/28th

It was agreed to recommend that the Sitting of the Council on the 24th may be extended to the 25th & need not proceed or postponed to the 26th or the 28th. In the light of this it seems best for the Meeting - Res Secy Govt Chs & the Ch Engrs &c. to Meet on 5th Proceed at 3 30 p.m

Please send communications at once accordingly

Rec 22 6 20

23 6 20

Draft sent Draft to the Secy Secy to write already asked is also sent today delivered.

23/6/20 yes Issued 23/6/20

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With a copy of the notes taken by the Shorthand — on establishment of the members

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46 I Submit herewith for appl a draft of the Progs of the meeting of the Committee held on the 5th instant - After appl it may be sent to the rest of the members for ~~—~~ concurrence.

Rev Secy

hm 9.7.20

9/7/20 by 2nd member

*245-245 10 7 20

Progs approved

Illegible 12/7/20

+9 Please take further actn as ab

hm 12-7-20

20 A draft of a circular is submitted for appl 92 I 21 Issue hm 15-7 14/7/20

17 appl memo No 810-S 9/7/20 to the members of the Special Committee

Circulates the draft Progs for ~~—~~ of concurrence

18 ~~Submitted for~~ The Proceedings of the Committee approved by by all the members

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are instructed for orders with ref. to para 4-6 Sup
S/L
19.8.20 The atty Genl consult Govt of Bangalore
and the Committee in the matter

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23 may be referred to the
respective Residents for
being placed before and
discussed in the Mil Councils

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11.05 10.4
19.8.20.

Record Members)
Un appointed.

26 Nos who have been submitted to the Reg

20.8.20

26 draft as submd for approl
S/L
23.8.20

24.8

19 Letter No 3079-80 of 1.9.20 to the Residents
of Mysore etc of Bangalore & Mysore &c.

Forwards the proposals of the Committee for be
placed before the respective Mil Councils & noting
their views on the proposals of the Committee

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23	Letter no. 1074 dtd 16 Nov 1920 from the President Bangalore City Muni Council. Submits a copy of the resolution of the Muni Council agreeing with the views expressed in the Proceedings of the Committee. It is approved that may await the ~~reply from the~~ resolution of the Mysore City Muni Council called for in the matter. dlh 26 11 20 TM 27-11
24	Letter no 110 & 16 3.21 from the President, Mysore City Muni Council submits a copy of the following resolutions of the Muni Council in the matter.— i) that earnest endeavours should be made to meet fully the maintenance charges of water supply to the city within a period of 10 years, as finances of the muni improve ii) that when meters are fixed throughout the city and necessary statistics become available

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and allow the Water Works Dept also make similar attempts to bring down and to economise the cost of establishment and working charges and ways and means thereon to the Council, may will consider any proposal for contributing towards Capital expenditure according to their capacity, from time to time for future expansions &

and (iii) that the Rural Council accept the rate of Rs 30/- for all enhanced light to excepting 1000 lights already ordered by Govt to be paid at Rs 16 17/ per annum.

2) The period fixed in the resolution of the Special Committee for taking over charge of the maintenance of water Works Supply was six years in the case of Bangalore city to which the Rural Council have agreed and 8 years in the case of Mysore city and the Rural Council have of their city to 10 years.

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30 As regards the question of future capital expenditure on the two waterworks, the Committee have decided that all future capital outlay including the cost of improvements to the existing supply should be borne by the two cities. The Bangalore City Municipal Council have agreed to this decision, while the Mysore City Municipal Council plead their inability to do so now owing to their present slender resources and economic conditions of the times but they promise to take up the question for consideration when waters are levied throughout the city.

31 Lastly as regards the question of apportioning the cost of providing electric lights in future to the two cities. The Committee have decided that the Municipal Councils should, according to the existing arrangement, pay at the rate of Rs 30/- for all ~~external electric lights~~ required for street purposes and that for special lights, whether required temporarily or permanent

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a reference may be made to Govt. for obtaining their views as regards the adjustment of the cost the Bombay City and Council have agreed to the proposed course, but the Bombay City Council have accepted the rate of Rs 50/- for all technical lights excepting 1000 lights already erected by Govt to be paid for at Rs 16 67 per lamp per annum.

32 Submitted for orders with reference to paras 23 and 24 Enclosure.

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30 33 Report point no 2 Contribution towards capital expenditure the working of the Minor Lights is not very satisfactory. There are too many "whens" They plead inability to meet all future capital outlay In this case however they have been advised to float a loan The Bombay City has submitted (in another connection) a proposal to float a loan, or in the alternative to borrow from the loan to be floated by Govt, but in the present reference this do not refer to the loan

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further action. It is for consideration whether the Government, this question (of the Capital Exp^re) under the circumstances, this recommendation of the Mysore Ind Council should be approved

2. The Bangalore Council agrees in to all the proposals of the Spl Committee on the other points. This Mysore CC also may further be approved for orders.

Rwfergr

1/5/19

(2nd member)

20/4/19

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4. The B'lore City Mulpl Council Expresses acceptance to the proposals which the Mysore City Mulpl Council Legislature accepts. The latter was a not unexpected Point it may be observed that the letter of the Hony Secretary goes somewhat beyond the resolution of the Council as a formal stand is taken, no leading

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Can possibly be made I think there has been enough of consultation & that it with Govt, be useful purpose if longer over the matter. If the Govt. thinks it, the subject may be considered in Council. Otherwise it may be submitted for H. E's orders before G.O issues.

Reed 23 4 21

AN'S OFFICE.
on APR 25 1921
No. 6708

29 (Sd) 23 4 21

28 Draft G.O on the subject H.E. to consider in Council Govt. Memo C U IL

Reed 26.4.21

29 Draft 27-4-21 Hm 4

30 draft order is submitted

29.4.21

31 Rev Secy) 30 4

32 Please put up clean typed draft.

4/5/21

clean typ as read Hm

4/5/21

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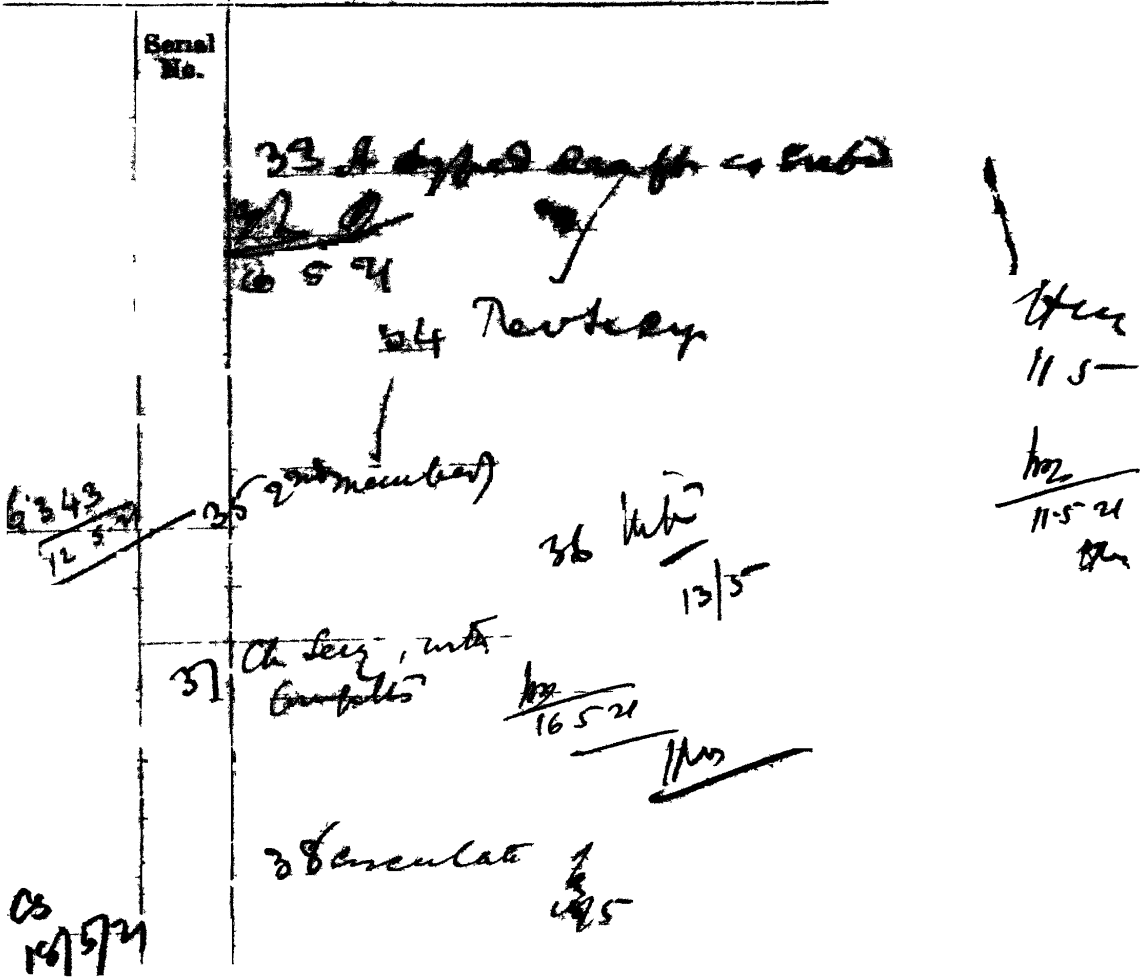

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Subject. -

39 Apportionment of charges for wate supply and electric lighting for the cities of Bangalore and Mysore between the Government and the City Municipali ties. (Ml. 176-19)

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OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

sent Secretary
reason to the member
appointed to
and member at
Govt

4) Secy PWD with Compliments

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Under Clauses ix and xxvii)
of the schedule.

Apportionment of charges for water supply and electric ting for the cities of Bangalore and Mysore between the rnment and the City Municipalities.

ULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

By Order,

19th May 1921 Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government*

Extraordinary Member of Council. 22/5/21

Member of Council. Seen

Second Member of Council. Seen

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Exs 1674/1910 1921.

EW & REV. 20 OCT 1921

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department for favour of issuing the Government orders as all the previous orders were issued from that Department. The Public Works Department portions of the file may kindly be returned when done with.

A Cadambi
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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The accompanying file deals with the question of laying down a further policy for the apportionment of charges for timber supply and electric lighting for the cities of Bangalore and Mysore as formulated by a Special Committee appointed by Govt in this behalf.

(2) The file was referred for consideration in Council by the Chief Secy on 16.5.21 (Vide para 37 of the office note in the file).

(3) The question seems to have been discussed in Council on 9.6.21 in view of the fact that the Chief Secretary recorded on that date an to the effect that the file is to be sent to Secy, P.W.D for submission to the Hon'ble Members and afterwards to be submitted to the 2nd Member also.

(4) From the further correspondence transferred, it is seen that the file was sent to the P.W.D Secy on 12.6.21 and that only the one of the two questions, viz, dealt with in the file viz apportionment of electric lighting charges has been finally disposed of in the P.W.D Secy's

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covering the other question of the apportionment of the water supply charges mentioned by.

(2) A draft order embodying the decisions of the Council and approved by His Highness relating to the above charges is placed on the file.

(3) It is not clear why the other question relating to water supply charges which also relates to the P.W.D, was left undiscussed in Council and final orders passed in this matter.

So submitted for orders whether the file may be sent to the Council Section for consideration of the question of water supply charges

29.10.1921 Revsecy

dcs 29/10/21

This is marked 29th Oct. I see it today on table

W. Hill Shenton 7-11-21

No not have been much delay in submitting the proposals was really necessary) 10 11 21

I understand that almost all the previous orders on the subject have been issued from the P W Secty, only a few stray memorandums covering issued here

(5) The general terms of the order also should be such that it is appropriately issued

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G R S III-2,

General and Revenue Secretariat

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from the P.W. Secrett, on the f.o. files the rates which the Electric Dept charges to the municipalities concerned

Is this maybe kindly done. We have no objection

Secy P W D
(with compliments)

10 4 17

EDS)

P.T.O.

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55 Returned, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department-

2. Orders regarding the electric lighting charges were since issued separately, Vide No.R.D.S.223-30 dated 21st November 1921-

57 The question of the apportionment of the charges for the water supply has from the commence ment been dealt with in the Revenue Secretariat The draft G. O. put up in that Secretariat may be modified omitting the portion relating to electric lighting charges and then issued-

Bangalore, 28th November 1921

FOR SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

T.R.S./28-11/2.

58 Submitted for orders. The necessary additions revisions to be made in the draft draft have been indicated in blank pencil from form 7 a/s/d This is a Council matter

30.11.21 30/11/21 1/12

57 The draft will be further scrutinised after the matter is in Council

(Rev Secy) 60 Submitted draft is in order 13/12/21

(Dewan) 61 Approved 15 12 21

(62 Council Section) 16/12/21

17/12/21

DEWAN'S OFFICE. Recd. on DEC 13 1921 Dep. No. 3320

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Council Matter

SUBJECT

Apportionment of charges for the supply of water to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore between the Government and the City Municipalities.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

By Order,

22nd December 19 21.

Chief Secretary to Government

Extraordinary Member of Council

First Member of Council

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Second Member of Council

Sir Ramini records

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10/12

Third Member of Council

R. S. III-2,

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Forwarded with compliments to the Financial Secretary (Vide 1st Member's note dated 24/12/21)

Maintenance Charges.--I did not agree to the proposal that the Bangalore City Municipality should be allowed six years and the Mysore City Municipality eight years for bearing the whole of these charges. That was the suggestion made by the President--Secon Member--of the Committee. There is absolutely no justification for permitting any longer any part of these charges being thrown on the general tax-payer The fact is that the general taxpayer has really no surplus from which to subsidise these two Municipalities.

If it was impossible for the Municipalities to take over the whole of these charges immediately, I suggested that a period of three years or at the most five years might be allowed for effecting this transfer fully. It is now 18 months since the matter was discuss by the Committee and in view of the present state of Government's finances, I do not think I can agree to allow this charge to be continued to be borne by Government for such long period as three or five years I would again insist upon the immediate transfer of the whole of these charges to the respective Municipalities T

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ratepayers of the two Municipalities must bear the -- cost of the comforts that they command and they cannot expect the general tax-payer to shoulder their burden If immediate transfer of the entire charges is impossible, the transfer may be permitted in two annual -- instalments One half of the net charge which the -- Government are now bearing must be transferred in --- 1922-23 and the remaining half in 1923-24 The two Municipalities must readjust their budgets so as provide funds for this purpose as the first charge on -- their resources

(5) The draft Order in regard to the transfer of Maintenance Charges is very indefinite and the position will not improve until Government definitely disclaim the responsibility for maintaining and working these projects and demand specific contributions in particular years for effecting the full transfer

(6) The draft Order states that "when the income "is sufficient to meet the expenditure, the Municipa- "lities may themselves take over the charge of the -- "Works " This again is very indefinite If for economical operation or for other reasons, the responsibility for maintaining the Works should be transferred to the Municipalities, the arrangement should be given effect to within a definite time and it will not do to make it depend upon "when the income is sufficient"

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(4) It is immaterial whether the Municipalities -- consider it advisable to increase the water rate itself or decide upon making a part of their general revenues available for meeting this charge That it is their liability and that Government will not bear it beyond the specified period has to be decided once for all and the decision should not be permitted to be reopened

(5) Capital Cost --The draft Order on this point is clear and I have no remarks to offer on it What is required is that the Municipalities should realise -- the situation and take serious steps to find the funds necessary for meeting further Capital requirements

(6) Heavy Repairs and Renewals --There is no allusion to this subject in the draft Order. As the income from the Works has been insufficient for meeting even the bare operation cost, no depreciation fund has been -- built up out of revenue This is a vital defect in the manggement of the two Concerns I understand that -- heavy renewals and replacements may become necessary ere long and the question has to be decided who has to pay for them Obviously not Government Strictly the outlay cannot be classified as capital, and should not be met from Loan funds The proper course is -- that the revenue derived from the Works, or set aside for them from the General Municipal resources should be capable not only of bearing the normal operation

cost

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cost but also of providing for a regular depreciation fund for meeting periodical heavy repairs and renewals. If it is impossible to make such provision from revenue, the Municipalities may finance the cost of renewals and heavy repairs from loan funds as a very exceptional arrangement, to make good the wastage not met by a depreciation fund already built up The Municipalities are not saddled with the capital cost of the projects hitherto incurred at the expense of Government and they may, if no other means is available, meet from Loan funds charges which should normally be met from revenue or from depreciation fund built from revenue As for the future, it will not do to overlook the need for building up a depreciation fund and the Municipalities should improve their revenues so as not only to relieve the Government of the burden of operation expenditure which they are now bearing but also to set aside enough annually to serve as effective depreciation fund

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[illegible] the Committee the position has arisen it was evident to the present that there was no prospect of any reconcilement between the views of the Dist Engr on the one hand & the two Municipal Presidents on the other. Every effort was made by me as Chairman of the Committee to effect an agreement but both sides stood firm. I was convinced of the correctness of the argument put forward by the Dist Engr. I felt that the case put forward by the Munpl. Presidents also requires some consideration. It appears to me that unless both sides made concessions no agreement was possible & to suggest some compromises which at the time seemed to be acceptable to both sides. Even now I feel that while the view of the Dist Engr is the right one & strictly speaking the same consideration both have to claim & the two Municipalities concerned particularly that of Mysore City on account of its special conditions

Recd 7.1.22.

If approved this might be communicated at a meeg. (Vide 1st Members note 7/6/21)

Secy to Govt 31-1-22

by order

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Members unable to attend [illegible] 4/1/22

Urgent Subject. 47 36

97 Apportionment of charges for the supply of water to the cities of Bangalore and Mysore between the Government and the City Municipalities.

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OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

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Subject. -

To Apportionment of charges for the supply of water to the Cities of Bangalo and Mysore between the Government and th City Municipalities.

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OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

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To Rev Secy write Compliments
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act from the Proceedings of the 600th *Meeting of the Council of His*
ess the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the 25th February 1922. *19*

Subject. - Clause XIII of the schedule.

(1) Apportionment of charges for the supply of water to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore between the Government and the City Municipalities.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

1) In the opinion of the Council, the entire charges for the water supply to Bangalore City should be borne by the Municipal Council as from 1st July 1924. For 1923-24 the Municipality should pay over the entire collections under water-rate and excess water charges. Half the deficit, if any, in the year 1923-24 should be borne by the Municipality in that year and the entire charges will be transferred from 1924-25.

2) As regards Mysore City, the Council is of opinion that a contribution from Government would be justified as a special case for a period of 2 years from 1922-23 to meet the deficit if any.

3) Meantime steps should be taken by both the Municipalities to raise their rates of water-tax under section 59 of the Municipal Regulation so as to balance the income and expendi-

"EXTRACT"

(Signed) M KANTARAJ URS,
Dewan of Mysore

Chief Secretary to Government

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General and Revenue Secretariat

File No 176 of 1921-22

NOTE—The views expressed by the Financial Secretary in any case, whether original or non-officially referred are not accepted by the Member of Government in charge, or by the Dewan and Members of Council as the case may be the file the discussions shall be sent to Secretary a second time in In cases in which he proposed to be financial rules of recognised financial or for other reasons of a finan are open to objection to re- ul representation to that which will be placed by the Dewan His Highness the Maharaja for ation
All cases sent to the Financial Se- y under this rule should be treated ediate and returned to the Depart- concerned within three days of pt

Extract from the Proceedings of the Council is put up herewith, with compliments, to the Financial Secretary to Government, under paragraph 9 * of the Government Order No G 17572-8—G M 676-17-1 dated 22nd June 1918.

By Order,

27-2-22

Chief Secretary to Government

I request reference to my remarks dated 31st December 1921 under the head "Heavy repairs and renewals". The point urged there is very important and requires special attention. In balancing the income and expenditure accounts of the two Municipalities the demand on account of adequate annual contributions to the Depreciation Fund should be kept in view and definite provision made therefor.

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G. R. S III-2,

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Submitted to His Highness

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The question of laying down a definite policy in regard to the apportionment of charges for the supply of water and electric power to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore between Government and the City Municipalities has been under consideration for some time past

103) 2 With a view to enable Government to arrive at a proper decision in the matter, a committee was constituted under Government Order No R 10401-6/M1 176-19-1 dated the 9th March 1920, presided over by Rajamantrapravina Mr P Raghavendra Rao, B.A , P L , Second Member of Council and composed of the Financial Secretary to Government, the Chief Engineer, the Chief Electrical Engineer the Revenue Secretary to Government and the Presidents of the two City Municipal Councils as members

104) 3 The Committee met on the 5th July 1920 and submitted their recommendations in respect of the apportionment both Electric Lighting and Water Supply charges Orders have already been issued, with His Highness' approval, on that part of the committee's recommendation which relates to t apportionment of Electric Lighting charges and the present file deals with the question relating to the apportionment of Water Supply Charges The recommendations of the Committee in regard to this question were as follows -

A MAINTENANCE CHARGES

(i) That the whole of the amount realised from water tax and excess water charges by the two Municipalities should be handed over to Government towards the annual maintenance charges,

(ii) That the two city Municipal Councils should make an effort to increase their income under "water taxes" so that they might meet the working charg to reduce which, every effort should be made by the Water Supply Department,

(iii) That, when the income is sufficient to meet the expenditure, the municipalities may themselves take over charge of the works, and

(iv) That the period during which the Municipalities should improve their income and prepare themselv to take over charge of maintenance be fixed at six years in the case of Bangalore City and eigh years in the case of Mysore City and that, durin this period, the Public Works Department should try to reduce the expenses, so that the concern might become a self supporting one so far as mai tenance charges are concerned

104 B CAPITAL COST

(i) That all future capital outlay including the cos of improvements or extensions to the existing supply should be borne by the Municipalities,

(ii) That the Municipal Councils may float loans, whenever necessary, in case the realisations fr the sale of sites in the new extensions are not sufficient to cover the cost

105. The above recommendations of the Committee havin been referred to the two City Municipal Councils for co deration and submission of their views thereon, the Bang lore City Municipal Council signified its willingness to accept the recommendations of the Committee in toto whi the Mysore City Municipal Council agreed to them with ce tain

certain conditions and reservations.

105 5 The papers having been circulated to the Members Council, I suggested the Financial Secretary being consulted, as that Officer's views were not on record, although he was a member of the Committee, he was not entirely in agreement with its recommendations.

106 6. The file was accordingly sent to the Financial Secretary for remarks and his views are recorded at pages 31 to 34 of these notes.

110 7. A close examination of the papers will show that the basis, on which the committee made their recommendation in the year 1920, has materially altered since The annual expenditure incurred by the State for the maintenance of the Water Supply Systems of both Bangalore and Mysore Cities was taken by the Committee at 2¼ lakhs of rupees and the contribution from the two Municipalities at not more than ¼ of a lakh It is now found that the actua cost of operation of both the systems ranges from Rs 4180 to Rs 4,90,000 per year, while the contributions range fr 1,10,000 to Rs 1,34,000 so that the burden on the State finances on this account has increased from about 1½ lakhs to over 3½ lakhs

111 8. The existing arrangements with the Municipal Councils are far from satisfactory In the Bangalore City, the Municipal Council levies a water rate of three-fifths of the house-tax or three per cent of the rental value of houses This is a very low rate as compared with the rate of taxation in the Civil and Military Station Municipality where water rate is fixed at 6 per cent on the rental value of buildings The Collections from this three per cent water rate amount to about Rs 40,000, but under the existing arrangement, even this small collection is not entirely payable to Government

The Municipal Council is contributing only a fixed sum of Rs.30,000 a year under an arrangement sanctioned in Gove ment Order No.Fl.4815-21/Ml.88-04-4, dated the 3rd Februa 1906 making a profit to itself of Rs.10,000 In addition, it has to hand over the whole of the collections under excess water charges, but these are heavily in arrears The supply of drinking water is one of the primary duties of a Municipal Council, and there is no sufficient reason why the Bangalore City Municipal Council should not enhanc its water rate to the extent necessary to make the scheme self supporting In the Civil and Military Station Munic pality, the incidence of water rate per head of population amounts to Re.0-14-2, while in the Bangalore City, it is only Re 0-5-5

11. In the Mysore City also, the water rate is only three per cent. of the rental value and the incidence per head of population is as low as Re 0-3-9 The Municipal Council pays over to Government the whole of the water rat collected as well as the excess water charges Both of these items are heavily in arrears and under the present system, the Municipal Council has no incentive to improve its income from the water tax Such a state of things cannot obviously be allowed to continue indefinitely particularly in the present financial stringency and I am issuing separate instructions regarding these arrears

12. The matter was considered in Council at more than one meeting and the following resolution was adopted on the 25th February 1922 -

(1) The entire charges for water supply to Bangalore City should be borne by the Municipal Council from 1st July 1924 For 1922-23, the Municipality should pay over the entire collections under water rate and excess water charges Half the

deficit, if any, in the year 1923-24 should be borne by the Municipality in that year and the entire charges will be transferred from 1924-25;

(2) As regards Mysore City, a contribution from Government would be justified, as a special case, for a period of two years from 1922-23 to meet the deficit, if any, and

(3) In the meantime, steps should be taken by both Municipalities to raise their rates of water-tax under Section 59 of the Municipal Regulation so as to balance the income and expenditure

4. I solicit His Highness' gracious approval to the above resolution of the Council

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orde of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

115 Appertionment of charges for the supply of water to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore between Government and the City Municipalities.

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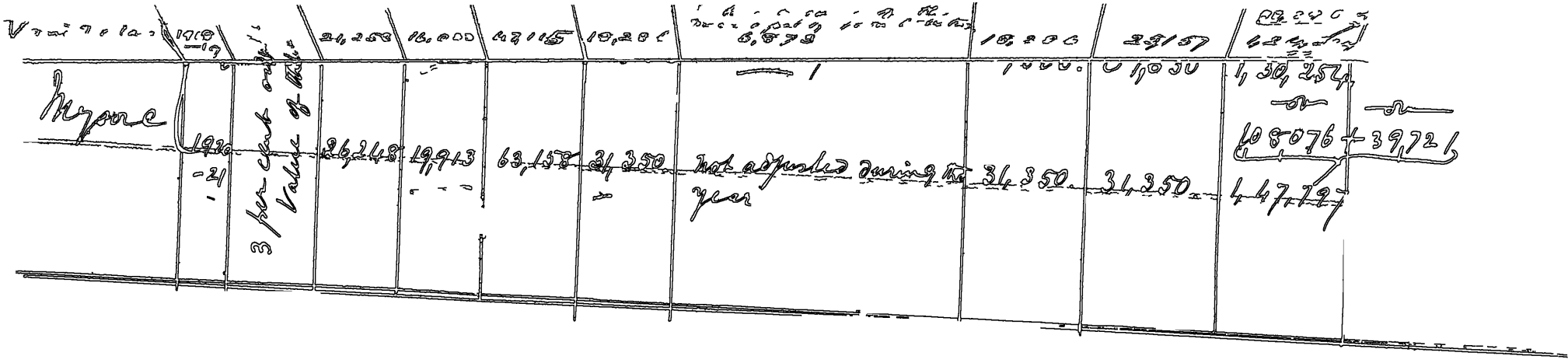
Name of waterworks	year	Water rate			Excess water charges		Amount based to Public works Dept.			Actual cost of operation	Remarks
		Rate of tax	Demand inclusive arrears	Collection	Demand inclusive Arrears	Collection	Fixed Contribution	Excess water Charges	Total.		
Chamrajpet	1918-19	3/4% of the Bare Annual Rent.	45,160	32,639	40,348	30,432	Rs 30,000 City municipality " 250 St-Bd Bungalow " 24,234 Ctm Station	30,432	84,916. 60,484	working expenses 2,34,726 + Depreciation 59,708 2,93,574.	
dra water works, Bangalore	1919-20		50,724	38,850	46,694	31,480	Rs 30,000 City supply " 250 St-Bd Bungalow " 31,928 Ctm Station	31,480	93,658	working expenses 2,99,907 + Depreciation 3,33,14 3,57,231 —do— —do— 2,10,739 + 68,268	
	1920-21		54,893	40,223	74,194	34,730.	Rs 30,000 City supply " 250 St-Bd Bungalow " 37,829 Ctm Station	34,730.	1,02,809.	2,79,004	
Vani Vilas	1918-19	Annual Rent.	21,258	16,053	47,115	19,286	Entire income of the municipality from water tax 6,873.	18,286.	25,159	—do— —do— 88,298 + 36,026 1,24,324	



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To

The Chief Electrical Engineer,
in Mysore

Sir

In order to facilitate the discussion at the meetings of the Committee appointed in Government order No R 10401-6 M1 176-19-1 Dated 9th March 1920 to consider the question of the distribution of water supply and electric lighting charges between Government and the two City Municipal Councils, I am directed to request you to be so good as to forward a memorandum showing in detail the various points to be discussed in regard to the lighting charges in the two cities, together with statistical and other necessary information regarding the total capital expenditure up to date, the annual maintenance charges year by year, the present mode of adjustment, the income derived from this source &c

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No R. 12456 d 23-4-20

of issue 23-4-20

by Asst H.V. Ramadoss Esqr

To The Chief Engineer Mysore

Sir

In order to facilitate discussion at the meetings of the Committee appointed under no R 10401-6/Rul 176-19-1 dated 9th March 1920 to consider the question of the distribution of water-supply and electric charges between Govt & the two civil and Rl, I am directed

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Yours very truly

Signed [illegible]
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ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,
Bangalore
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28th April 192 0

Ml 176-19-12

Received
29 APR 1920

The Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Distribution of water supply and electric lighting charges between the Government and the two City Municipal Councils.

With reference to your letter No.R.12407 Ml 176-19-11 dated the 26th April 1920, I have the honor to state that we should hold a meeting and settle on what information is necessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servan

Chief Electrical Engineer
to the Govt. of Mysore.

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No R 12912 & 12-5-20

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To

by Mr B. Ramanayake Sr

The Chief Electrical Engr

With ref to your letter no 2589 of 28-4-20, I am directed to state (is hardly necessary for me to) that a meeting for settling what information is required ~~necessary~~ in connection with the distribution of ~~water supply and~~ electric lighting charges between Govt and the city Mcd

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to request you to be
so good as to have
the memorandum
with the necessary
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prepared and forwarded
very early as requested
in my letter no
12407 MI 171-19-18
of 28-4-20.

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MYSORE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Central Office.

No. M 12/138 Bangalore, Dated 15th May 1920

From

S.Gadagbi, Esquire,

Chief Engineer of Mysore

To

B.Ramaswamayya, Esquire, M.A.,B.L.,

Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Letter No.R.12456/M1 176-19-12 dated the 28th April 1920, calling for a memorandum showing in detail the various points discussed in regar to the water supply charges in the two cities of Mysore and Bangal together with statistical and other necessary information regarding the total capital expenditure upto date, the annual maintenance -- charges year by year etc

2. As stated in P.W.Secretary's note No.D.423 dated the 4th July 1918,(vide file in the Revenue Secretariat) the question to be discussed is "How the cost of the additions asked for by the Municipality is to be met and what proportionate charges should be borne by them towards their maintenance" The proposals of the Chief Engineer are given in para 7 of that note. The various points in detail to be discussed have to be determined by the Committee.

3. Any statistical information required can be had from the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the two water supply systems,copies of which are herewith forwarded There are also some statements attached to Note No.D 423 dated the 4th July 1918 and Unofficial No 63/P.W.

dated

dated 17th [illegible] in the file referred to above.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R V Sundaram

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For Chief Engineer of Mysore.

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Office of the Superintending Engineer.

Sanitary Circle,

No. 3614 Dated, Bangalore the 15th June 1920.

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From

The Superintending Engineer,
Sanitary Circle.

To

The Revenue Secretary
to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with D O letter No.R.11420-8 dated the 31st March 1920 from the Gener and Revenue Secretariat, to the address of Chief Engineer, re garding the meeting of the committee for investigating the question of the distribution of charges between the Governmer and the two City Municipalities (Bangalore and Mysore) relat to Water Supply and Lighting, I have the honour to request to be so good as to intimate the date and place of the meet The nature of the information that is required for settlemen of the water question of the two Cities may also be intimate so that a clear memo may be prepared for discussion and sett ment facilitated.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

15/6/20

Superintending Engineer,
Sanitary Circle

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Do No R 13891-S dt 15/20

Date of issue 18. 6. 20

To

Signed by Rao S. Srinivasachari

The members of the
committee
except Hussain Saeq

Dear Sir,

In continuation of
Mr Hu Ramaswami's Do
nos 10908-14 & 11420-8
letters of the 17th and 31st
respectively
March 1920, regarding the
meeting of the committee
constituted for Coimbatore
to consider the question of
the distribution of charges
relating to water supply and lights
between Govt and

over

the two city Municipal Councils.

I am directed to request you to attend that a meeting of the Committee which will be held at the Chambers of the Second member of Council at the Public Offices in Bangalore at 3. P.M. on Monday the 28th Inst.

Yours Sincerely

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Date of issue 17.7.20

signed by Asst Sir Chesamma

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No R 810-S dy 17.7.20

Memorandum

The accompanying draft proceedings of the Committee for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme between the Fort and the Bangalore and suggesting suitable rates which met on the 5th July 1920 are circulated to the members of the Committee for favour of their

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2. It is requested that The is requested to return
Board transmit together with their
the draft proceedings to the Rev.
Secy as early as practicable.

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By order

Rev Secy

To

1. R. Ramaswamy Esq B.A. BL,
Rev Secy to Govt

2 M. N. Krishna Rao Esq B.A.
Tamil Secy to Govt.

3. S. G. Forbes Esqr Director of
Chief Electrical Engr

4. B. R. Ayanda Chari Esqr B.A.
President Bangalore
Municipality

5 A. Black Esq. A.M.I.C.E
Superintending Engr. Circle

6. Rajasabhabhushana Diwan
Bahadur C. Sankaranarayana Ayyar Esqr

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Gentlemen,

The object for which we are assembled here this afternoon is to discuss the apportionments of the charges for the supply of drinking water and the electric lighting in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore. The expenditure can be classed under the two main heads, Capital and Recurring.

Expenditure on both these accounts has been incurred in the past and, as regards the future, provision will be made for the expenditure. As regards capital cost, the cost has till now been entirely borne by Government and the Municipal Councils concerned have not contributed anything towards it.

As regards recurring charges, the practice is not quite uniform in the two Cities and the contribution made from municipal funds towards this expenditure falls far short of what it costs the Government. In all big cities elsewhere in India and outside of it also the practice is for the Municipal Councils to incur this expenditure themselves though there are instances where registered Corporations have been granted the necessary concessions by Municipalities to supply these essentials of civilized life, namely, filtered water for drinking and town illumination. In Mysore the Municipal Councils have not undertaken the burden so far and the reason

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is obvious. namely, that their revenues have not been sufficient to warrant any such expenditure being incurred by them. But it is generally conceded that this is not the desirable state of things and that the sooner the Municipal Councils equip themselves in such a manner as to take up this burden upon themselves and to relieve the Government of this responsibility the better it will be from every point of view. Gentlemen, the objective of the Municipalities should be this and that is, that they should have their own systems for Water Supply and Lighting and raise the necessary revenues to meet the expenditure on account.

So far as electric lighting is concerned the State Electrical Department undertakes all capital expenditure and as such Municipal Councils are saved the necessity for providing funds on this account. But as regards maintenance charges it is necessary that efforts should be made by the Municipal Councils to bear the entire burden themselves It will, I think, help to save time and to facilitate discussion if it is analysed as follows:-

(a). Water Supply

(1). Capital Cost and
(2) Recurring charges.

(b). Electric Lighting.

(1). Capital Cost and
(2). Recurring charges

Chairman:- The Government is making practically the annual expenditure of, roughly, 2½ lakhs Out of which, about a lakh and not less than ¾ lakhs, has been reserved for both the Municipality so that the Government is to reserve to both the Cities and their extensions for the water supply. This system of contribution is rather a heavy charge and there is every possibility, for it stands to reason that the Municipality should try ordinarily even if the Government provides the capital cost and makes a new gift - to find, itself, its net capital expenditure and maintenance charges through Government sometimes helps both with a loan and sometimes in other different ways. As regards the recurring expenditure, it means a net deficit to the Government about 1½ lakhs on account of the municipality undertaking this burden, particularly, in view of the extensions that you are going to have and the higher rates that you are going to levy in this municipality.

Mr. Garudachar. Bangalore Municipality is already raising the rate.

Chairman. That is a minor matter. That will come in a subsidiary question on account of the municipalities coming to the relief of the Government by undertaking these maintenance charges. That is really a burden If the Municipality is going to undertake the maintenance charges, they will seek the administration in other ways and they will retain themselves the control.

difficulty because the

Mr. Krishna Rao. The Government is prepared to hand it over.

Mr. Bhore. There is one point. We get a contribution of [illegible]. Is that to be effected from that?

Mr. Gavadagkar. Rs 25,000/- is not effected.

Mr. Krishna Rao. I do not know what that is a compensation for.

Mr. Bhore. It is a fixed proportion.

Mr. Gavadagkar. The expenses, as given by Mr. Bhore, include also for filtration in C.& M. Station.

Chairman. The only another point is Filtering Station. It is just possible that the chances are, the C.& M. Station will have their own filtering plant, though not now, but it is bound to happen sooner or later and probably in the near future. Now the point is, so long as there is the C. & M. Station is mixed up with the administration, it will probably be better so far as the Bangalore City is concerned.

Mr Krishna Rao. There is the fear and risk of not coming here.

Chairman. When we do not filter that amount of water over a million and a half, would it affect the savings? Now if they are agreeable to undertake the responsibility of taking all the maintenance charged they will be obliged to take. So far as the Bangalore City is concerned there is little difficulty because the Filtering Station may be

be put into conflict with the C. & M. Station. There may be administrative convenience. Perhaps till the C. & M. Station gets its own system of water supply it is much better that it rests with the P.W. Department. Is the Bangalore Municipality prepared to undertake a little more contribution charges up to that extent?

Mr. Krishna Rao. It is not a question of what partial relief and up to what extent. but of the whole Charge being taken over [illegible]

Chairman. If the Bangalore City Municipality will not undertake the burden itself, cannot the whole burden with proportions be taken if it is proposed

Mr. Garudachar. proposed. All the water taxes that are collected from the Municipality may be given plus the excess water rates. We have given 36,000 plus excess water rates. Now instead of 36,000, we will give the whole income which comes to about Rs10,000/- more.

Chairman. That is they will give all the water rate plus the excess water charges. The Government maintains the whole. That is the point. The Bangalore Municipality is not getting anything towards its own funds. The rest must be worked as our own from the Government.

Mr. Krishna Rao. Yes The question is whether there is the any justification for the financial subsidy, that is the subsidy in the shape of loss. [illegible]

Mr. Garudachar. I think the two Cities are to to get from the Government.

Chairman. The Government can give a fixed charge instead of the Municipality making up the road.

Mr. Krishna Rao. The principle is that maintenance charges are not borne by Government.

Chairman. It ought not to be a matter of principle.

Mr. Krishna Rao. We have got so many Government buildings. The concentration of the population and the activities there are concerned and that developed here, are not due to the fact that the Government is here?

Chairman. I quite agree. What I say ordinarily is, even if the Government is making a gift from the capital expenditure, the Municipality must be responsible to the maintenance charges. As it is, the Government is bearing a heavy burden and the Municipality is not coming to the aid of the Government to the extent which it ought to do.

Mr. Krishna Rao. We are discussing only the working charges.

Chairman. But the working charges in big municipalities are always the burden of the Municipal Councils.

Mr. Rhere. I do not believe it will be a burden at all.

Mr. Krishna Rao. All the better.

Chairman. The principle comes in there.

Mr. Krishna Rao. The principle does not admit of any discussion. It is all - rule

Chairman. There is no object in discussing the principle. It is the question of funds.

Mr. Krishna Rao. When you cannot afford or the Government cannot afford, there is a big departure from it and then if the departure is gone on long enough, the unfortunate thing is that Government has also many departments of a similar nature in regard to towns and cities, less favourably situated whose demands are getting more and more insistent and it is difficult to resist them. If these subsidies are continued to alter whole arrangement rule

Chairman. Whatever the old order might be we want to discuss the whole situation and come to a distinct understanding and the policy to be adopted in the future.

Mr. Krishna Rao. In the course of three years at the most five years, the entire burden should be taken up by both the Municipalities and I hope it is one of the proposition to be decided rule

Chairman. The principle is not contested

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer. The principle is contested so far as Mysore City is concerned. More than one third of the population are absolutely dependent on the Palace etc.

Chairman. Except the Palace, the conditions are similar in Bangalore. A very large number of poor people are here also.

Mr. Krishna Rao. Are you going to tax the tax-payer or the rate-payer?

Chairman. The burden falls upon the State

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer. All the water-taxes and the excess water charges that can be collected from whatever the regulations and rules will meet the maintenance charges, I think.

Chairman. It is not likely to meet.

Mr. Ramaswamaiya. Unless you raise the water-taxes.

Mr. Forbes. Is it based on the actual economic need or both in both places as compared with what is actually used?

Chairman. But won't you, Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer, differentiate between the normal and the actual expenditure?

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Mr. Krishna Rao. If there is any over-generous law.

Mr. Forbes. That is what I exactly meant. Then the people and the Municipality do not have to bear.

Chairman. That is the difficulty in Mysore City We all know that

Mr. Garudachar. Whatever it may be, we are actually consuming 10 to 12 Gallons

Chairman. It is not going for industrial purposes.

Mr. Krishna Rao. Many people do not get water but all the same they pay taxes.

Chairman. I was told that the allotment there was 50 gallons per head per day and it was satisfied and they were going to increase it to 100 gallongs per head in the wealthiest City.

Mr. Forbes. That is what they are going to do it in Calcutta.

Mr. Krishna Rao. What is the average consumption in Mysore?

Chairman. You take the population of 1911.

Mr. Srecknantesvara Iyer. Not more than ten thousand, I assure you. There is one way of approaching it, i.e., to continue it and I will be able to get on with that in that way.

Mr. Krishna Rao. Let us take the process of electrification. Then we can convince the Municipality to take it. It involves the demands of the future. These Cities are extending and once we hand it over to the Municipality, additional liability will be thrown. There is a good deal to be gained to give it over to them than to make it at a loss. If they propose to extend it, then it is their duty.

Chairman. By electrifying the pump, the maintenance charges are perceptibly reduced That way, if either the Municipality or the

Government undertakes to electrify the pump, they get the benefit.

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer. It is not possible for some time to come here. Just at present, the municipal finances will not admit of continuing even the administration, for the simple reason that we cannot pay.

Chairman. Just at present, it is a different factor. While in order to introduce uniformity in the work, whatever water-rates and the excess water charges collected, will be handed over to the Government The two Municipal Councils will take necessary steps to increase their income on account of it in order that they might meet the working charges and, in order to reduce it, every effort will be made by the Water Supply Department. When the income meets the expenditure, will the Municipality take over these?

Mr. Garudachar. The two Municipal Councils will try to increase their income

Mr. Krishna Rao. The extent of relief that may be expected from this electrification should be capable of some amount of relief forecast

Chairman. But if they are going to extend the Water Supply system.

Mr. Krishna Rao. There is no attempt to extend I suppose the Municipality benefits from this extension?

Mr. Srenkantesvara Iyer. as we expend we get extra money.

Chairman. You admit that it is the duty of every Municipality to maintain these water supply systems and particularly to meet the recurring expenditure. That is the charge. The Municipalities are not doing it. In case they do it, the first charge for that surplus should be to meet the deficit.

Mr. Forbes I have a case of excess water charges and I had it tested I wrote to Mr Bhore how the excess charge was based and he told me that it was on the rule passed by the Municipality Then I wrote to the Municipal President what was the free water allowance allowed on the bungalow He replied that it was on the rental value of the bungalow @ Rs 25%.

Chairman. That is the Municipal assessment

Mr Garudachar Our taxation of 3% is fixed The amount is charged according to the rental value of the bungalow Every year we have been doing it

Chairman 3% is the rate now fixed by the Government on the rental value but that rental value is a fluctuating item They are doing it periodically It would have been done in the case of one particular bungalow and you cannot differentiate it They are doing it

Mr Garudachar. In the City we have got

get 14 000.

Chairman. While the Municipality accepts that proposition, the Water Supply Department has little or no interest If they work it. the Municipality or the Government has to find funds. If the Municipality takes it over they are relieved of their responsibility The point is this -

No. 1. Now in order to introduce uniformity in the levy of this contribution the first point is both in Bangalore and in Mysore Cities the amount recovered by the Municipality by way of water taxes and excess water charges will be handed over in its entirety to the Government, and that the two Municipal Councils will hand over as their contribution all monies recovered by them by way of water taxes and excess water charges without any limit

Proposition ^ 2 That it is desirable that the Municipal Councils should meet all the maintenance charges from the municipal revenues and steps will be taken by the Municipal Councils to increase the revenue under the above head

Mr Sreekanteswara Iyer The point is with regard to consumption There is always a certain amount of difficulty You cannot make Mysore and Bangalore exactly on the same footing That has been the difficulty for the last ever so many years

Chairman I put it as a general proposition That is a different question

Question altogether. It does not commit you to anything. I agree with the first proposition I may speak as regards the second proposition.

Mr. Sreekantaswamy Iyer. Can you differentiate between the normal and the abnormal?

Chairman. You will have to accept the general proposition I really do not know how to make an exception to it

Mr Krishna Rao But instead of increasing the particular levies, any increase accruing to the Municipality could be made over to the Government,

Chairman. We know what your difficulty is

Mr. Garudachar Our valuation of the houses will be increasing I am sure we may reach the figure I am not committing myself to increase the taxation

PROPOSITION No 2

Chairman As it is understood that all recurring charges should be borne by the municipality itself every effort will be made by the Municipalities concerned to increase the revenue under this head

Mr Krishna Rao If the best method is to be a more advantageous business available for this purpose, we have no objection If however they find any difficulty in raising this particular tax well any other growth of revenue may be utilised for this purpose

Chairman. If you cannot increase the

~~xxxxx~~on under this particular head, there is a normal growth of revenue. You must be prepared to ear-mark a certain percentage of it.

Mr. Garudachar The normal growth of revenue is increased automatically as the water-rate is increased

Chairman We have got to effect a compromise. Without a compromise, there is no other way

Mr. Krishna Rao Failing this, I will put another ~~xxxxxxxxx~~proposition on the normal growth It is only this that leads to th other,

Chairman It is admitted that the maintenance charges for water supply should be borne by the municipality themselves At present the conditions of the municipality do not permit Therefore steps will be taken by the municipality to meet the deficit by improving their revenues under this head or by increasing the general taxation or the percentage of taxation I am taking you step by step If you accept that the municipality must meet the recurring and water supply charges it is a legitimate burden and efforts will be made to improve the taxes under this head If this is not possible, efforts will be made to raise the general revenues and to ear-mark a percentage of it towards meeting this expenditure as an alternatige

Mr Krishna Rao ~~and developed~~ with a view to make up the deficit

Proposal No 3

Chairman. If within the specified period of five years from date, the municipal revenues do not show sufficient advancement are not developed to that extent as it may be able to make up that deficit then the municipality will contribute a certain percentage of their surplus income towards this charge.

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer We have increased our water rate It has come to 15,000 and 10,000 from actual collections From 25,000 I am going to raise it to 40,000 Now it is not the time for the people to be taxed for the next three years The trouble is the times are difficult

Chairman Government cannot carry on the administration That is the difficulty of everybody That is rather disproportionate

Mr Garudachar we can fix it up at 8 years We cannot increase the rates The incidence of taxation that comes to is Rs3-1-6 Every three years hence we will revise the rates and the next revision will be final

Chairman At the end of six years from now the municipality will take the maintenance

Amendments

6 years in the case of Bangalore

Bangalore City Municipality.
8 years in the case of Mysore Municipality.

Mr. Krishna Rao

Management. If within this specified period the P W Department can run the concern in a self-supporting manner, it may be taken over by the Municipality, Government as the Agent and the concern will be yours.

Chairman They will hand over all the water rates and the excess water charges In the meantime during that period, efforts will be made to see that the expenditure and the revenue do not over-balance What about the past and the capital cost?

Mr Garudachar There was a reference made by the P.W.D Secretary

Chairman There was some understanding with regard to Bangalore Municipality there is a 15 lakhs scheme sanctioned for improving the Mysore City Municipality

Mr Krishna Rao What makes the sanction effective is the existence of funds

Chairman. I believe the scheme has been approved

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer We must go on facts We have got works and you want extensions By all means do it. The Municipality are Quite prepared to maintain it.

Chairman. Maintenance is alright but about the capital cost That is the point to be considered. That is a separate matter. Now there is a capital expenditure. Till you take over the maintenance charges, do not think over the capital cost The past we do not think of and it is not worthwhile. For the future, you have accepted a certain amount of responsibility What about the intermediate period? Suppose you want extensions The position will be easier

Mr Sreekanteswara Iyer What we should do is we must take note of all the requirements.

Chairman If you try to make up to meet the capital cost, that is exactly the same aim

Mr Krishna Rao You will not have been saddled with any debt in respect of past Capital outlay

Chairman. If you will do that, it is a big state of affairs So far as the capital cost for further extensions is concerned it will be the liability of the municipality

Mr Krishna Rao All future capital should be their liability

Chairman Capital cost cannot be confined only to extensions to the present system But capital cost means not only the cost incurred on future extensions but also improvements to the main supply

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Mr. Krishna Rao I think under the system the account shows some depreciation. If there is anything like that, we should make out a calculation so that it will be available to you Capital liability is [illegible] but the depreciation goes on

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer When the time comes we will manage to make it out

Mr. Krishna Rao You realise it from your areas

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer Let us sell our new sites with certain amount of calculation to meet this and give the surplus to you or to meet the capital cost

Chairman We will make over to the Municipality who will meet this cost by sale of sites at the rates that were calculated previously

Mr. Krishna Rao Properly speaking the renewal should come from depreciation fund No use of discussing it. We are doing it on a principle We are apportioning the establishment charges of our works

Chairman You take over the maintenance and that will be done

Mr Garudachar We are in a very bad way in the matter of water-supply

Chairman Simply because the Government came to the aid of the Municipality, you make your extensions, that is to replan the

the town, new suburbs and you have your cities and roads and you must set their value so that it will pay you back.

Mr. Garudachar. As regards the amounts we have come to the difficulty

Chairman. Take a loan from the Government or float a loan on the guarantee of Government Small municipalities like Chitaldrug and others are doing it Why not the big municipalities do? I think that is a point which must be realised by the municipality Spoon-feeding must be stopped

Mr. Garudachar. Make them stand

Chairman Take it over

Mr Krishna Rao Because the amounts have been put down by the Government

Chairman It is difficult in the beginning

Mr Krishna Rao The large sums of money expended for this purpose were all found from the revenues Now the Government itself is raising a loan If we could give you money at all, it would only be on a loan

Chairman We will do it You pay the interest

Mr Sreekantesvara Iyer We have not got money to pay you and we are borrowing to give you.

Mr. Forbes. Let the Water Supply Depa-

[redacted]. If you say you have not got the [redacted]money they are raising a loan and [redacted] will hand it over to you.

Mr. Gurudachar The present condition of [redacted]unicipality will not enable us to do so.

Chairman. You may put it before the Municipal Council This is all going up before the Council You are not committing the Municipality We send up our recommendations to the Government and at the time when the Government decides, they will consult the Municipality

Mr Srikantesvara Iyer. We will agree to borrowing subject to the condition, of, as far as Mysore City is concerned, a certain portion of subvention

Chairman We are ourselves on the wrong state of affairs We will only accept the principle

Mr Krishna Rao If the Government has got the money, could it be put to the best use than making giving the money to the Water Supply

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LIGHTING.

Chairman In the Electrical Department the capital outlay does not go to the Municipality

Mr Forbes Let the Water Supply Department

Department charge the rate

Chairman. You have got the lights You have incurred a certain degree of expenditure The Municipality has not met the end does not like to meet any more cost which they have extensions and the charges that will be levied will be so calculated as to cover that expenditure. From the beginning, it has been run on different lines. So far as the capital expenditure is concerned we are not going to ask the Municipality

Mr Sreekantesvara Iyer. We are paying for lights in a certain way

Chairman. You have got a certain number of lights and you are paying at a certain rate

Mr Forbes We charge the same rate as in Bangalore.

Mr, Garudachar We pay Rs 20,000/- for lights and R. 30/- more for every additional light

Mr. Forbes The Government Order says that the Electrical Department would like to sell the lights efficiently Mysore got 600 lights for Rs 10,000/- a year Bangalore gets 905 lights for Rs 20,000/- a year

Chairman It is a commercial Department and is running on a commercial basis

Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer. We have not [illegible] the revenue to pay [illegible] forces. The minimum rate is Rs. [illegible] a light The rate that I can supply is no loss and no profit.

Chairman. There are certain lights which you want, Mr. Sreekantesvara Iyer, for the City proper The others are abnormal ones, more than what is required for the minor municipality So far as Bangalore City is concerned, the existing system will continue

Mr. Krishna Rao Cannot Mr. Forbes reduce the rate

Mr. Forbes I have got the capital works at least I get Rs 60/- if I charge it to another work

Chairman Mr Sreekantesvara Iyer, I think you must agree to pay for the ordinary lights supplied to the municipality, the same rate as Bangalore and for all the special lights in Mysore, we have to maintain a differentiation

Mr Sreekantesvara Iyer. We shall pay the uniform rate

Chairman For all normal lights for the municipal purposes, you will pay at the Bangalore rate and for special light you will make special reference to the Government

Mr. Forbes. Just before the Viceroy visited here, we had orders for installations. I have to spend something about Rs.11,000/- towards this.

Chairman. The person most concerned is the Municipality. In a case like that you will have to ask for a special grant from the Government. It is the municipality that is benefitting immediately

Mr. Forbes Both pay the capital cost

Chairman The Electrical Department is running on commercial lines The whole basis is different For ordinary lights required for extensions for municipal purposes the rate is as in Bangalore and for all special lights the Electrical Department is not concerned, whether of a temporary or permanent nature and you will have to make a special reference to the Government So far as the Department is concerned for every additional light you must pay Rs 30/-

Mr. Krishna Rao The Municipality has got no obligation to instal the lights in a benefitting manner

Chairman The Municipality will make a reference to the Government in the matter

Mr. Krishna Rao The Mysore Government and the Mysore City are in the same boat

Chairman Unfortunately, I think our rates are the cheapest that you can think of

of, cheaper than anywhere in the world.
They have to work it on a commercial basis.
It has cost them Rs.24-12-0 a light

Proceedings of the meeting held in the Second Member of Council of the Public Offices at Bangalore, on Monday, the 5th July 1920, of the Committee appointed in Government Orders Nos. R. 10461-6/Ml. 176-19-1 dated 9th March 1920 and R. 10900-7/Ml. 176-19 2 dated 18th March 1920, for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for water supply and lighting between the Government and the Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore &c.

P r e s e n t.

President:- P. Raghavendra Rao, Esq., B.A. B.L. Second Member of Council.

Members. :-

1. M. N. Krishna Rao, Esq., B.A., Financial Secretary to Govt.
2. B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L., Revenue Secretary to Govt.
3. S. G. Forbes, Esq., B.Sc., Chief Electrical Engineer.
4. Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur G. Srikanteswara Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L., President, Mysore City Municipal Council.
5. B. K. Garudachar, Esq., President, City Municipal Council Bangalore.
6. J. Bhore, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, Sanitar, Circle, on behalf of the Chief Engineer who was absent.

Note. The Huzur Secretary who was also appointed a member had requested to be excused from serving on the Committee.

The President, ~~to begin with~~, explained to the members that the object of the meeting was to discuss the question of ~~apportionment~~ apportionment

apportionment of the charges for the supply of water and the electric lighting in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and that the expenditure on this account might be classed under the two main heads:- (1) Capital cost and (2) Maintenance charges. He said that there was no question about the expenditure incurred in the past under the two heads, and that it was only with regard to the future expenditure that Government desired to have a satisfactory settlement. As regards Capital expenditure, he pointed out that till now it was entirely borne by Government without any contribution from the Municipal Councils of the two Cities. As regards the Maintenance charges, he drew attention to the fact that the existing arrangement, under which the two Municipal Councils contributed towards the expenditure, was not quite uniform and that the amount contributed also fell far short of the actual maintenance charges borne by Government. He explained that in all big Cities in India and Europe the duty of supplying to the citizens good filtered drinking water and light--the essentials of civilised life--had devolved on the Municipal Councils, and that in the two cities in the State it was high time that the Municipal Councils relieved the Government of this responsible and important duty, though they were not able to do so till now on the score of their resources being entirely inadequate to meet the charge.

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annually, expenditure of about 2¼ lacs of rupees roughly, the contributions from the Municipalities being ~~only~~ - ~~about three and quarter lacs~~ not more than ¾ of a lac and that the contribution from Government was ~~xxx~~ rather heavy on the finances of the State, and that it was therefore reasonable that the Municipalities should hereafter endeavour to find their own funds to meet the maintenance charges fully, particularly in view of the extensions of the town that ~~are~~ were being newly formed, the higher rates that ~~will~~ would be levied by the Municipalities for water.

3. The President of the Bangalore City Municipality said that the Municipal Council, which had till now been contributing Rs 30,000. annually from the realizations under "Water-Tax" would be now prepared to give away the whole amount realised from this source, besides all excess water charges now being credited to Government, and that the additional contribution to Government from the Municipality would be about Rs. 10,000.

4. The Financial Secretary pointed out that there was hardly any justification for Government to subsidize further by bearing the rest of the annual maintenance charge.

5. The President of the Municipal Council, Bangalore stated that the two Cities were in need of Government aid in this respect. The Chairman, agreeing with the Financial Secretary, observed that the Municipalities should be responsible for the entire maintenance charges though Government was making a gift ~~from~~ for the capital expenditure, in view of the fact that there were many departments of a

a similar nature in towns ~~and Cities~~ less favourably situated, demanding the attention of ~~Government~~ Government, and that it was therefore necessary to come to a distinct understanding as to the future policy in this matter.

6. The Financial Secretary then suggested as the first proposition for decision that in the course of three years--or at the most 5 years--the entire burden be taken over by the two Municipalities. The President of the Mysore City Municipal Council said that so far as Mysore City was concerned, it would not be possible for the Municipal Council to undertake the burden as ~~more than~~ about a third of the population were absolutely dependent on the Palace.

7. The President ~~of the Municipal Council~~ Bangalore City pointed out that by electrifying the pumps, the maintenance charges would be appreciably reduced, that the Municipality might be able to meet the whole of it. The President of the Municipal Council, Mysore City, stated that it would not be possible to do so for some time to come at Mysore as the present municipal finances were not sufficient to bear even the cost of administration.

8. While admitting that the situation was a difficult one, the President of the Committee proposed (1) that in order to introduce uniformity in the recovery of the contribution from the two Municipalities, that the whole of the amount realised from Water Tax and excess water charges be handed over to Government towards the annual maintenance charges (2) that the two Municipal Councils ~~Councils should~~

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should make an effort to increase their income under "Water Taxes" so that they might meet the working charges, to reduce which however every effort should be made by the Water Supply Department, and that (3) that when the income is sufficient to meet the expenditure, the Municipalities might take over the charge of the works. The President of the Municipal Council (Mysore) explained that as it was not possible to restrict consumption of water in the Mysore City, Bangalore and Mysore could not be placed on the same footing, and that it was not possible to differentiate between the normal and the abnormal consumption. The Financial Secretary and the President of the Committee then suggested that if the Municipalities found it difficult to increase the revenue by raising the water-tax, they should make an effort to increase the revenue from other sources and to earmark a certain percentage of it towards meeting the cost of maintenance as an alternative.

9. The President further proposed that if within a period of 5 years from date, the Municipal revenues did not improve to such an extent as to make up the deficit, (at least) a certain percentage of the surplus income might be contributed. The President of the Municipal Council, Mysore, pointed out that the realisations from water rate had come up to Rs 25,000/- which would be raised to Rs 40,000/- and that the people could not be taxed for the next three years.

10. After some further discussion, it was finally decided that the period during which the municipalities should improve their income and prepare

prepare themselves, to take over charge of maintenance, be fixed at six years in the case of Bangalore City and eight years in the case of Mysore City, and that during this period the Public Works Department should try and reduce the expenses so that the concern might become a self-supporting one so far as maintenance charges are concerned.

11. Next, the question of capital expenditure was discussed. The President of the Committee pointed out that as the Government had incurred all capital expenditure in the past and Municipalities had accepted some amount of responsibility for the future, it was necessary to arrive at some decision as regard the expenditure that may have to be incurred on further extensions of the water-supply in the interim period, i.e., till the maintenance was completely taken over by the Municipalities. He accordingly proposed that all future capital outlay including the cost of improvements to the existing supply should be borne by the Municipalities, for the reason that further extensions would not have been possible but for the fact that Government came to the aid of the Muncipalities and incurred the whole outlay at the beginning.

12. The Presidents of the Municipal Councils pleaded their inability to bear the burden owing to their low finances, but they were advised to float loans whenever necessary in case the realizations from the sale of the sites in the new extensions were not sufficient to cover the cost.

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13. Lastly, the question of apportioning

the cost of providing electric lights in the two cities was taken up by the President. The President pointed out that there was no call on the Municipalities to pay the capital expenditure already incurred in this respect and that in future, the Municipal Councils should according to the existing arrangement, as laid down in the Government Order No. 2124-6 Conf 108-17-1 dated 10th Oct'17, pay Rs. 30/- for every additional light provided for them

14. The President of the Mysore Muncipal Council represented that it was not possible to pay at that rate so far as Mysore City was concerned. The President pointed out that as the Electrical Department was doing business on commercial lines, the Municipality should accept the rate of Rs 30 for all normal lights required for municipal purposes and that for special lights, whether required temporarily or permanently, a reference might be made to Government and their orders obtained as to the adjustment of their cost. The Financial Secretary did not however agree to this differentiation. -

In the result, the resolutions arrived at were as follows -

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I Water supply
A Maintenance
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B Capital Cost
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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

The accompanying draft proceedings of the Committee for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the water supply and electric lighting between the Government and the Bangalore and Mysore City Municipalities which met on the 5th July 1920, are circulated to the members of the Committee for favor of their concurrence

2 The last named member is requested to return the dr ft proceedings to the Revenue Secretariat as early as practicable

By order,

H V Ramaswamy
for Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Mel 10/8/20 To

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Signed by Mr. M V Ramaswamy

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To

The President of the City
Municipal Councils of Bangalore
Mysore
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Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of the Special Committee appointed by Govt for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the Water Supply and electric Lighting between the Govt and the City Municipal Councils and to request you to

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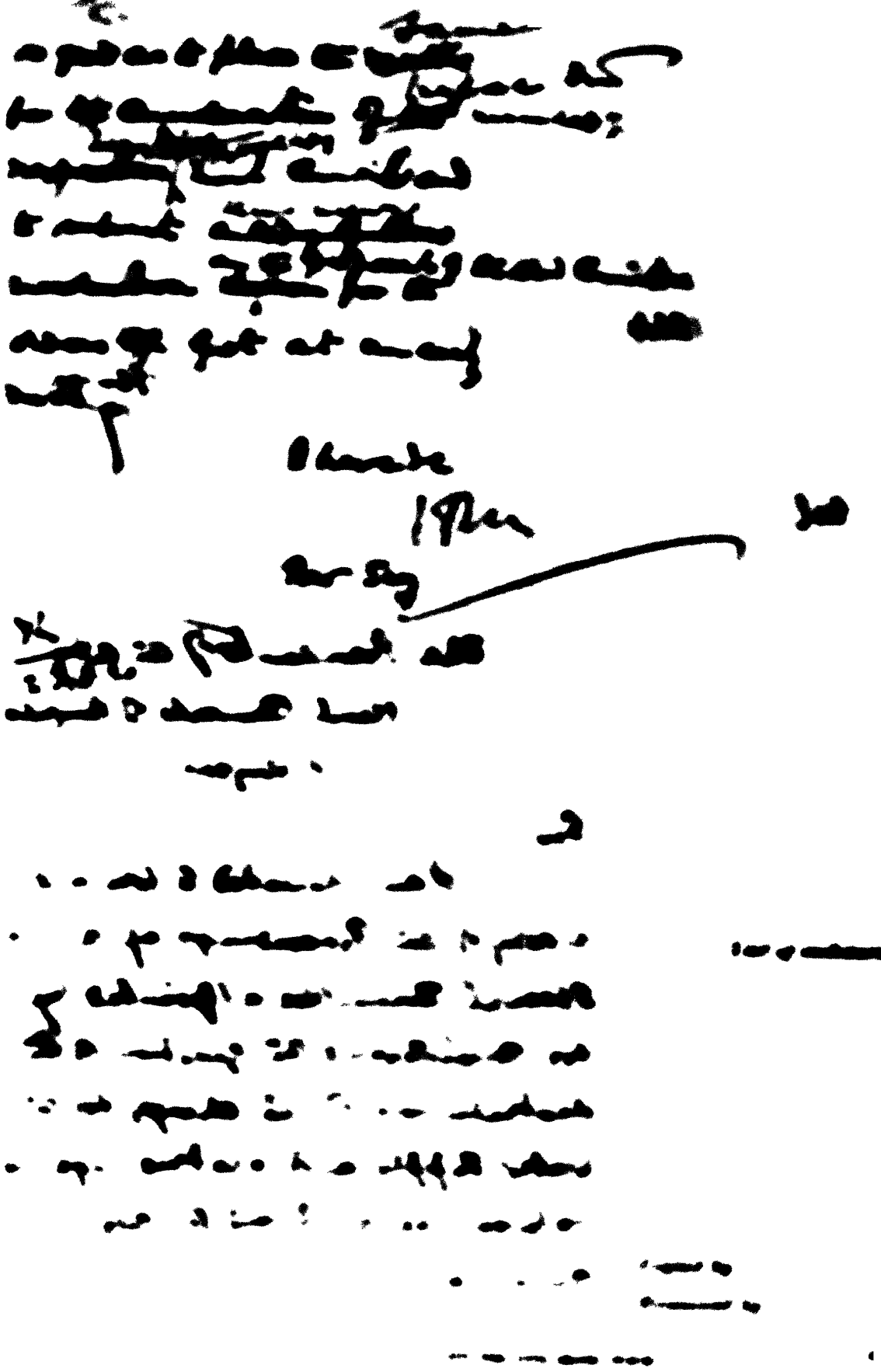

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To

The Secretary
to the Government of His High-
ness the Maharaja of Mysore, Rev Dept.
BANGALORE

Sir,

With reference to your letter No R 3079/Ml 176-19-49 dated 1-9-1920 forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Special Committee appointed for consideration of the question of the distribution of the charges for the Water Supply and Electric Lighting between Government and the City Municipal Council and calling for the views of the Council on the proposals of the Committee, I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of the resolution of the Council passed at their Meeting held on the 6th Instant agreeing with the views expressed in the Proceedings of the Committee

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

President

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From Asst Revenue Secretary to Govt Bangalore

To The — to Govt Bangalore

Dated 22 11 20

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General No 107 / No 111 11 20

Enclosure No

Re Distribution of charges for the Water Supply & Electric Light between Govt & Municipal Council

Submitting a copy of the Resolution of the Council passed at their meeting held on the 6 11 20 agreeing with the views expressed in the Proceedings of the Commissioner

NO.XIII.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SATURDAY THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1920.

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PRESENT.

B.K.GARUDACHAR, Esquire, HONORARY PRESIDENT.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS.

1. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq. BA.,BL.,
2. B.Chinnaswami Chetty, Esquire,
3. Basada Siddabasappa Setty, Esqr.,
4. S.V.Narasimha Iyengar, Esq. BA.,BL.,
5. P.N.Basappa, Esquire,
6. Basada Veerabhadra Setty, Esquire,
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9. M.Subbayya, Esquire, B.A.,
10. K.Gopalaswami Iyer, Esquire,
11. S.Venkatachala Iyengar, Esq. BA.,BL.,
12. N.K.Krishnamurti Rao, Esqr.,
13. M.Krishnappa, Esq., B.A.,
14. S.Venkataranga Iyengar, Esqr.,
15. M.Venkatasubbiah, Esquire,
16. M.Abbas Khan, Esquire,
17. B.V.Krishnaiengar, Esqr.,
18. B.Usman Khan, Esquire,
19. T.K.Narasimhaiah, Esquire,
20. M.Ramachandra Rao Sindhe, Esq
21. P.Subbarama Chetty, Esqr.,
22. V.B.Srikantiah, Esquire

ABSENT.

1. L.A.Pourval, Esquire,
2. D.Adeppa, Esquire,
3. Reverend D.A.Rees,
4. D.V.Gnanaprium Pillay, Esqr .

VACANT - ONE.

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8. Revenue Secretary's No R 3079/M1 176-19-19 dated 1st September 1920, forwarding copy of the Proceedings of the Special Committee appointed by Government for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the Water Supply and Electric Lighting between Government and the City Municipal Council and calling for the views of the Council

Resolution - The Council generally agree with the views expressed in the Proceedings of the Special Committee regarding the distribution of the charges for the Water Supply

and Electric Lighting in the Bangalore City between Government and the City Municipal Council

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Sd/ B.K.Garudachar,
President.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE
Dated 16th March 1920.

FROM,

RAJASABHABHUSHANA DIWAN BAHADUR,
C SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR, B A, B L,
PRESIDENT, CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MYSORE

To,

B Rameswamaiya, Esquire., B.A., B L.,
Secretary, to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department

D No 7044
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SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 3080/19-19 dated 1st September 1920 calling for the views of the Municipal Council on the proposals of the Special Committee appointed by Government for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the water supply and electric lighting between the Government and the City Municipal Council, I have the honour to state that the subject was fully discussed at a Special meeting of the Council held in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on the 9th instant

2 The financial condition of the Municipality is far from satisfactory. In the year 1919-1920 the income was barely sufficient to meet the expenditure though many important and urgent works of even productive nature had to be put off for want of funds In the current year (1920 1921), the house tax was revised and along with it automatically rose the water and light taxes New taxes in the shape of "Professional Tax" and "Special Sanitary Cess" were proposed to be levied The net result was that the income of the Municipality rose from Rs 3,00,000 to Rs 3,58,000, by no means an inconsiderable rise for a small Municipality such as ours, under the present conditions of economic strait all round. Unfortunately

the expenditure has also kept pace with the increase of income for same causes, and provision has had to be made in the budget for 1920 1921 for an expenditure of Rs 3,61,000 or a deficiency budget of Rs 3,000 It was rightly observed by Government that in spite of the improvement of the finances by additional taxation it was not possible for the Municipality to keep up the prescribed balance of Rs 20,000 The Special Sanitary Cess proposed to be levied was not imposed as it was considered not enough to meet the charges which the conservancy of private latrines involved The levy of a profession tax is still pending sanction of the necessary bye-laws by Government Thus the financial transactions of the current year are likely to result in a much larger deficit than was estimated.

3. Nor is it possible to resort to fresh taxation in view of the fact that assessment on houses and light and water taxes have only been recently revised and the levy of a profession tax has also been already sanctioned by Government The earning capacity of the majority of the people is extremely low, one-third of the population of the City is entirely dependent on the Palace for their livelihood and nearly another third are petty officials and servants, to whom Government have been obliged to grant temporary allowances to enable them to subsist The incidence of taxation of nearly Rs 3¼ per head is already high and does not compare unfavourably with that of important commercial Cities like Madras (Rs 4-0-11) The recent imposition of Income Tax has further rendered the situation not easy

4 The water tax as now revised amounts to Rs 23 000, and the excess water charges recovered at present by the Water Works Department amounts to nearly Rs 6,000, thus in all Rs 29,000 or nearly Rs 30,000 is being realized under this head

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Out of an average of 44 million gallons pumped monthly for the City consumption, barely 8 million gallons are accounted for by reading of meters which have been fixed only to a very few houses and properties and which has been a source of great invidiousness and dissatisfaction to several, and the excess water rate on such small quantity alone amounts to Rs 6,000 If the unaccounted for large balance of the quantity of water — 36 million gallons — be also subjected to scrutiny by means of meters, a substantial increase under excess water charges will ensue, sufficient to cover considerable portion of maintenances charges, if not the whole of it In view of these facts it was resolved by the Municipal Council that earnest endeavours should be made to meet fully the maintenance charges of water supply to the City within a period of 10 years, as finances of the Municipality improve

5 As regards contribution towards Capital expenditure, the Council recognize the legitimacy of the call but feel, under the present state of Municipal finances, nearly Rs 30,000 going away on temporary allowances to the poorer employees, to meet the distressed conditions of the times their utter helplessness When meters are fixed throughout the City and necessary statistics become available and when the Water Works Department also makes similar attempts to bring down and economise the cost of establishment and working charges, and ways and means shown to the Council, they will gladly consider any proposal for contribution according to their capacity, from time to time, for future expansions

6 In the matter of electric lighting with the exception of 1,000 lights sanctioned by Government at Rs 16 67 per annum in Government Proceedings Nos 6858-9/M1

336-06-3 dated 5th February 1907 and 583-7/C P S dated 30th September 1914, the Council are agreeable to pay for the rest at Rs 30 per annum, under the terms conveyed in Government Proceedings No. 2124-6/Ml.108-17- 1 dated 10th October 1917

7. A copy of the Council Resolution is herein enclosed for reference

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

President

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Proceedings of the 14th (SPECIAL) meeting of the City Municipal Council, Mysore, held in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on Wednesday the 9th March 1921 at 5-30 P M.

Present.

Rajasabhabhushana, Diwan Bahadur,

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar, B A., B.L., President

1. M. S. Krishna Rao, Esq., B A., B.L., Vice-President.
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3. M. Setwaji Rao, Esq.,
4. M Anantharajiah, Esq.,
5. Kaveripatnam Subrayachetty, Esq.,
6. Mahomed Jaffer Saheb, Esq.,
7. Madappa, Esq ,
8. M.Purushothamanandagiri Goswamy, Esq.,
9. M. Narainswamy, Esq.,
10. M.H. Ranga Iyengar, Esq ,
11. Dharmaprakasha D Banumiah, Esq.,
12. Sowcar Doddiah, Esq.,
13. M.L Vasudeviah, Esq.,
14. Settappa Siddappa, Esq.,
15. Lokasevaniratha Amble Anniah Pandit, Esq.,
16. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Esq.,
17. A.Krishna Rao, Esq , B.A , B.L.,
18. K.Chendrasekariah, Esq , B A , B.L ,
19. Lokahithaishi H Nanjundaraj Urs, Esq ,
20 Rev.R W Boote ,

Absent.

1. S.P Rajagopalachari, Esq , B.A , B.L.,
2. Mahomed Sait, Esq ,
3. Rev.Father D F.Laurent ,
4. V. Thiruvengade Mudaliyar, Esq.,
5. Abdul Aziz Pasha, Esq ,
6. Sirdar M. Gopalakrishne Urs ,
7 A. Subbanna, Esq ,
8 N. Desikachar, Esq., B.A ,
9. C.Narasimhiah, Esq., B A., B.L.,

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Read:-

I. Letter No. M.3080/M1.176-19-19 dated 1st September 1920 from the Secretary to Government Revenue Department forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Special Committee appointed by Government for considering the question of the distribution of the charges for the water supply and electric lighting between the Government and the City Municipal Councils and requesting the views of the Municipal Council on the proposals of the said Committee.

II. Letter No.R.11996/M1.153-19-2 dated 14th April 1920 from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department requesting that the resolution of the Municipal Council pleading inability to contribute towards the cost of improvement of water supply to the City may be reconsidered

After the subject was fully explained by the President and discussed at length, the following resolutions were arrived at:-

(i) That earnest endeavours be made both by the Municipal Council and the Water Works Department to eventually enable the Council to bear the maintenance charges of the City Water Works, within a period of ten years, as their finances improve from time to time

(ii) That the Municipal Council recognize the legitimacy of the call for contribution towards Capital expenditure, but in view of their present slender resources and economic conditions of the time, they regret their inability to meet it. They would, however, gladly consider any proposals for contribution according to their capacity from time to time, when meters are fixed throughout the City and necessary statistics furnished by the Water Works Department after making all possible efforts to bring down and economise the cost of establishment and working charges, with due regard to efficient water supply to the City, and

ways and means are shown to them.

(iii) That the Municipal Council accept the rate of Rs.30 for all normal lights as per Government Proceedings No.2184-6/M1.108-17-1 dated 10th October 1917 excepting 1000 lights already ordered by Government to be paid for at Rs.16.17 per lamp per annum in their Proceedings Nos.6858-9/M1.356-06-3 dated 8th February 1907 and No.583-7/C P.S. dated 30th September 1914.

III. Consideration of subjects to be brought forward at the Assembly meetings during the Birthday Sessions, for discussion by the Members deputed by the Municipal Council.

Resolved that the list of subjects to be discussed at the Representative Assembly during Birthday Sessions, as amended, be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

Sd/- C. Srikantesvara Aiyar,
President.

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for President.

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Proceedings of the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Government Order No.R.10401-6/M1 176-19-1 dated the 9th March 1920, constituting a Committee for considering the question of the apportionment of charges for the water supply and electric lighting for the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, between Government and the two City Municipalities concerned.

(2) Government Order No E.D.S 223-30 dated the 21st November 1921, laying down a policy for the adjustment of future charges for street electric lighting in Bangalore and Mysore Cities and in the Kolar Gold Fields

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Order No L 6058-65/ M 176-19-25

Dated Bangalore, 19th April 1922

Government have had under consideration for sometime past the question of laying down a definite policy in regard to the apportionment of charges for the supply of water and electric power to the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, between Government and the City Municipalities With a view to enable Government to arrive at a proper decision in the matter, a committee was constituted under Government Order No R 10401-6/M1 176-19-1 dated the 9th March 1920, presided over by Rajamantrapravina Mr P Raghavendra Rao B.A., B.L., [redacted] Member of Council and composed of the Financial Secretary

to Government, the Chief Engineer, the Chief Electrical Engineer, the Revenue Secretary to Government and the Presidents of the two City Municipal Councils as members. The Committee met on the 5th July 1920 and submitted their recommendations in respect of the apportionment of both electric lighting and water supply charges. Government passed orders on 21st November 1921 on the recommendations of the Committee in respect of the apportionment of electric lighting charges, ~~and they now proceed to pass orders on the question of apportionment of water supply charges.~~ 2 The recommendations of the Committee in regard to this ~~question~~ apportionment of water supply charges are ~~were~~ as foloows -

A. MAINTENANCE CHARGES

(1) that the whole of the amount realised from water ~~xxxx~~ tax and excess water charges by the two Municipalities should be handed over to Government towards the annual maintenance charges,

(2) that the two city municipal councils should make an effort to increase their income under "Water taxes" so that they might meet the working charges, to reduce which, every effort should be made by the Water Supply Department,

(3) that, when the income is sufficient to meet the expenditure, the Municipalities may themselves take over charge of the works, and

(4) that the period during which the Municipalities should improve their income and prepare themselves to take ov

charge of the works and maintenance should be fixed at six years in the case of Bangalore City and 8 years in the case of Mysore City and that, during this - - - period, the Public Works Department, -- should try to reduce the expenses, so that the concern might become a self-supporting one so far as maintenance -- charges are concerned.

B. CAPITAL COST.

(1) that all future capital outlay including the cost of improvements or extensions to the existing supply -- should be borne by the Municipalities,

(2) that the Municipal Councils may float loans, whenever necessary, in case the realizations from the sale of sites in the new extensions are not sufficient to cover the cost

3. The above recommendations of the Committee were based on the supposition that the annual expenditure incurred by the State for the maintenance of the Water Supply systems of Bangalore and Mysore Cities was 2¼ lakhs of Rupees, of which, the contribution from the two Municipalities was not more than ¼ of a lakh. ~~But~~ It is now found, however, that the actual cost of operations of both the systems ranges from Rs.4,18,000/- to - - - Rs 4,90,000/- per year, while the contributions range from Rs.1,10,000/- to - Rs.1,34,000/- so that the burden on the State finances on this account is actually over 3¼ lakhs per year

The existing arrangements between Government and the Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore cities in connection with the supply of water are therefore far from satisfactory & require revision

4. In the Bangalore City, the Municipal Council levies a water-rate of three-fifths of the house-tax or three per cent of the rental value of houses. This is a very low rate as compared with the rate of taxation in the Civil and Military Station Municipality where water-rate is fixed at 6 per cent. on the rental value of buildings. The collections from this three per cent water--rate amount to about Rs.40,000/-, but even this small collection is not entirely paid to Government. The Municipal Council is contributing only a fixed sum of Rs.30,000/- a year under an arrangement sanctioned in Government Order No.Fl.4815-21/Ml.88-04-4, dated the 3rd February 1906, thus making a profit to itself of Rs.10,000/- The Municipal Council has to hand over in addition the whole of the collections under excess water charges, but these charges are not promptly collected and are heavily in arrears. The supply of drinking water is one of the primary duties of a - - - Municipal Council, and there is no reason why the Bangalore City Municipal Council should not pay ~~for~~ the whole of these charges, - - - enhancing the water-rate to the extent necessary to make the scheme self-supporting In the Civil and Military Station ~~Municipality,~~ the incidence of water-rate per head of - -

population amounts to Rs.0-14-2, while in the Bangalore City, it is only Rs.0-5-5.

In the Mysore City also, the water-rate is only three per cent of the rental value and the incidence per head of population is as low as Rs.0-3-9. The Municipal Council has to pay over to Government the whole of the water rate collected as well as the excess water charges. But both of these items are heavily in arrears and under the present system, the Municipal Council has no incentive to improve its income from the water-tax. Such a state of things should not be allowed to continue indefinitely and Government trust that both the Bangalore and Mysore City Municipalities will take vigorous steps not only to collect all the arrears both in respect of water-rate and of excess water charges but also to improve their income from water-rate

5. As regards the future policy in respect of the maintenance of the water supply systems in the two cities, Government have carefully considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed in March 1920, as well as the views put forward by the two Municipalities in the light of the present financial situation and are pleased to issue the following instructions --

(1) The entire charges for water supply to Bangalore City should be borne by the City Municipal Council from 1st July 1924 For the year 1922-23, the Municipality should pay over the entire collections under water-rate and excess water charges Half the deficit, if any in the year 1923-24 should be borne by the Municipality in that year and the entire charges will be transferred from 1924-25

(2) As regards Mysore City, a contribution from Government will be granted as a special

case, for a period of two years from 1922-23 to meet the deficit, if any, but the City Municipal Council should bear the entire cost of the water supply system of Mysore City from the year 1924-1925

4 (3) In the meantime, steps should be taken by both the Municipal Councils to ~~raise~~ raise their rates of water tax under Section 59 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation so as to balance the income and expenditure.

6. Before concluding, Government desire to express their thanks to the President and Members of the Committee referred to above for their comprehensive recommendations.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

The Presidents of the City Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore

The Comptroller to Government.

The Chairman and Members of the Committee with covering letter.

Press Table

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

G O No. L. 6058-65—Ml. 176 19 25, dated 19th April 1922.

Charges for the supply of water to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore

Passing orders regarding the adjustment of ——

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(3) In the meantime, steps should be taken by both the Municipal Councils to raise their rates of water tax under Section 59 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation so as to balance the income and expenditure, and

(4) All arrears yet to be collected and paid to Government should receive prompt attention of both the City Municipal Councils and a report should be made to Government on the 1st July 1922, showing the Demand, Collection and Balance

6 Before concluding, Government desire to express their thanks to the President and Members of the Committee referred to above for their comprehensive recommendations.

A V RAMANATHAN,
Secy to Govt, Rev Dept (in charge)

To—The Chief Engineer of Mysore
The Presidents of the City Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore
The Comptroller to Government
The Chairman and Members of the Committee with covering letter
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ing Govt a fundamental policy for the determination of the charges for supply of water in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore

Yours &c

Secy to Govt

Expressing the thanks of Govt to the Special Chairman and members of the Committee constituted on March 1920 for considering the question of apportionment of charges for the water supply & electric lighting for the cities of Bangalore and Mysore &c

List of enclosures.

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